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 Examiner: Lee, R.  
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 M# Client Ref

Appl. Title: Rubber Powders which Contain Large Amounts of Fillers, a Process for Preparing Them and Their Use

Sir:

**REPLY/AMENDMENT/LETTER**

Date: February 22, 2002

This is a reply/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated hereinto by reference and the signature below is treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

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For B & C See Required Separate Paper (Pat-256)						
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11. After-Final Request Fee per rules 129(a) and 17(r)				+ \$740/370	+ \$0	146/246
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14. Petition fee for					+ \$0	
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Query: Is appeal deadline now? If so, file Notice of Appeals separately.

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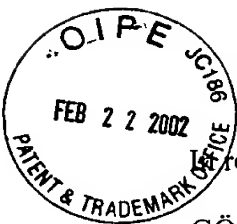
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**



Re patent application of:

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**Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 7, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-captioned application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments**

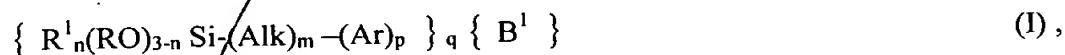
**In the Claims:**

Please enter the following amended claims:

(Amended) A rubber powder, containing one or more oxidic or siliceous fillers, comprising at least one member selected from the group consisting of synthetic fillers in an amount of > 250 phr to 5000 phr and naturally occurring fillers in an amount of > 350 phr to 5000 phr; and

carbon black in an amount of > 250 phr to 5000 phr, wherein the total amount of the fillers and carbon black does not exceed 5000 phr;

wherein the surface of said oxidic or siliceous fillers is modified with one or more organosilicon compounds of the formulae



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